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HOUSTONS' NURSERIES, MANSFIELD, CONN.



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Houstons' Nurseries, Mansfield, Conn.



B. D. HOUSTON
President and General Manager

OUR BROAD GUARANTEE TO CUSTOMERS

Our guarantee is, we believe, one of the broadest and most liberal of any nurseryman in the country. Our guarantee means something to you, because it is backed by a firm with an established reputation, a firm that is established permanently. We guarantee our stock to reach our customers in good condition. We guarantee that all trees and plants purchased from us shall be **TRUE TO NAME** as labeled. *For any stock which does not prove true to name and as represented by us, and as bought by you, we are to make good your loss or damage by reason thereof at any time within ten years of the date of purchase. In event we cannot agree we are each to appoint one arbiter who shall choose the third and the award of a majority shall be binding on both parties.* If there is any mistake on our part in regard to the stock you purchase from us we want you to tell us about it, and we will adjust the matter to your entire satisfaction. Our interest in the stock we send you does not cease when it leaves our hands. We believe our satisfied customers are our best advertisements.

A GAIN we present to you a Trade List, having learned that such a bulletin is more satisfactory to both customers and ourselves than an illustrated catalog—in so much that it is less expensive, allowing us to offer our stock at these low prices.

SCARCITY OF NURSERY STOCK

The propagation of Nursery Plants and Trees is an art. It takes three or four years to develop Nursery Stock to planting size. The recent war greatly decreased propagation as 90 percent of the fruit Seedlings which Nurserymen plant are imported from France. For the past three years France has been able to furnish only very few Seedlings, as they cannot get help to grow them. It will be several years before they will again be able to produce the amount of stock they did before the war.

Pears, Cherries, Plums and Quinces will be higher in price for the next four or five years. 85 percent of the Growers of Nursery Stock cannot obtain Seedlings for new planting.

Planters should appreciate the present situation and place their order early as the supply of many standard varieties will certainly be exhausted before long.

ORDER NOW FOR OUR SUPPLY IS LIMITED — WE HAVE HOWEVER A FINE LOT OF BALDWINs — THE STANDARD APPLE.

As an inducement, we will allow **FIVE PER CENT DISCOUNT** on all orders accompanied by cash during the month of March.

Our **INFORMATION DEPARTMENT** is absolutely free and at your service. Owing to the scarcity of space, we could give only a little general information and have found that a personal letter answering individual problems is very helpful.

Our terms are cash with order or C. O. D., shipped either by parcel post or express. When cash accompanies a parcel post order, please remit postage and we will refund any balance.

Our Nursery is located two miles north of the Connecticut Agricultural College on the main turnpike from Hartford to Providence.

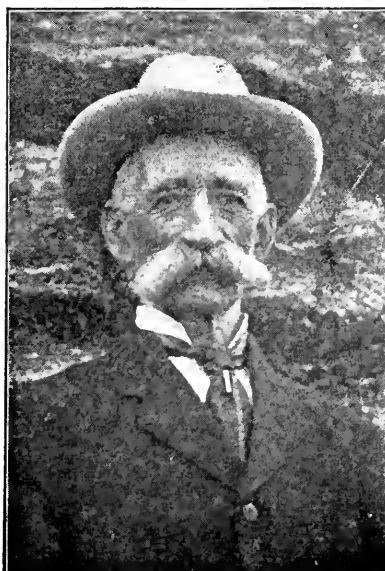
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WE EMPLOY NO AGENTS

EXTRA SIZE—BALDWINs, McINTOSH
AND STAYMAN'S WINESAP

| | | Each | Ten | Hundred |
|--------------|----------|-------|--------|---------|
| Largest Size | 5-7 feet | \$.90 | \$8.00 | \$70.00 |
| Medium Size | 4-5 feet | .80 | 7.00 | 60.00 |
| Smaller Size | 3-4 feet | .70 | 6.00 | 50.00 |

| | Color | Season |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Early Harvest | Yellow | Aug. to Sept. |
| Yellow Transparent | Yellow | Aug. to Sept. |
| Red Astrachan | Red | July to Aug. |
| Duchess of Oldenburg | Streaked | Aug. to Sept. |
| Golden Sweet | Yellow | Aug. to Sept. |
| McIntosh Red | Red | Oct. to Dec. |
| Fall Pippin | Yellow | Oct. to Nov. |
| Gravenstein | Streaked | Sept. to Oct. |
| Wealthy | Red | Oct. to Jan. |
| Fameuse | Red | Oct. to Nov. |
| Northern Spy | Red | Nov. to Apr. |
| Ben Davis | Red | Nov. to Apr. |
| Grimes' Golden | Yellow | Nov. to Apr. |
| Wolf River | Red | Sept. to Dec. |
| Staymen's Winesap | Streaked | Dec. to Mar. |
| Opalescent | Red | Dec. to Mar. |
| King | Red | Nov. to Mar. |
| Jonathan | Red | Nov. to Mar. |
| Winter Banana | Yellow and Red | Nov. to Jan. |
| Rhode Island Greening | Green | Nov. to Apr. |
| Hubbardston Nonsuch | Red | Oct. to Jan. |
| Wagener | Red | Dec. to May |
| Rome Beauty | Red | Dec. to Mar. |
| Baldwin | Red | Dec. to Mar. |
| Roxbury Russett | Russet | Dec. to May |
| Delicious | Red | Nov. to Arr. |
| Tolman Sweet | Yellow | Nov. to Apr. |
| Jacobs Sweet | Yellow and Red | Dec. to Jan. |
| Maiden Blush | Yellow and Red | Sept. to Oct. |
| Sweet Bough | Yellow | Aug. to Sept. |

| | Each | Ten | Hundred |
|---------------|--------|---------|----------|
| 3-4 Years Old | \$1.25 | \$12.00 | \$100.00 |



J. R. HOUSTON
Originator of Houstons' Nurseries



J. E. HOUSTON
Secretary

CRAB APPLE TREES

Prices same as Standard

| | Color | Season |
|--------------|----------------|--------|
| Transcendent | Yellow Striped | Oct. |
| Hyslop | Red | Oct. |

DWARF APPLE TREES

| | | Each | Ten |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| Largest Size | 2 Year 4 to 5 ft. | \$1.15 | \$10.00 |
| Medium Size | 2 Year 3 to 4 ft. | 1.00 | 9.00 |
| Yellow Transparent | Carolina Red June | | |
| Red Astrachan | Wolfe River | | |
| Duchess | King David | | |
| Wealthy | Wagener | | |
| R. I. Greening | King | | |
| Baldwin | Wm.'s Favorite | | |
| Gravenstein | Fall Pippin | | |

PLUM TREES

| | Each | Ten | Hundred |
|----------------|------------|---------|----------|
| 5 to 7 feet | \$1.35 | \$13.00 | \$120.00 |
| 4 to 5 feet | 1.25 | 12.00 | 100.00 |
| Abundance | Amber | | Aug. |
| Burbank | Cherry-red | | Aug. |
| Bradshaw | Violet-red | Middle | Aug. |
| Lombard | Violet-red | Middle | Aug. |
| Shippers Pride | Purple | | Sept. |
| Wickson | Cherry-red | | Sept. |
| Red June | Amber | | Aug. |
| Green Gage | Green | | Aug. |
| Satsuma | Blood Red | | Sept. |

PEACH TREES

| | Each | Ten | Hundred |
|------------------|-----------------|--------|--------------|
| 5 to 6 feet | \$.75 | \$7.00 | \$55.00 |
| 4 to 6 feet | .65 | 6.00 | 50.00 |
| 3 to 4 feet | .55 | 5.00 | 45.00 |
| Greensboro | White-red cheek | | July |
| Mountain Rose | White-red cheek | | Late Aug. |
| Hieley | White-red cheek | | Late Aug. |
| Carman | White-red cheek | Middle | Aug. |
| Champion | White-red cheek | | Late Aug. |
| Old Mixon | White-red cheek | | Late Aug. |
| Belle of Georgia | White-red cheek | | Early Sept. |
| Fox Seedling | White-red cheek | | Early Oct. |
| Elberta | Yellow | | Middle Sept. |
| Early Crawford | Yellow | | Early Sept. |
| Salway | Yellow | | Middle Oct. |
| J. H. Hale | Yellow | | Early Oct. |

PEAR TREES

| | Each | Ten | Hundred |
|------------------|------------------|---------|------------|
| 5 to 7 feet | \$1.25 | \$11.00 | \$105.00 |
| 4 to 5 feet | 1.10 | 10.00 | 95.00 |
| Anjou | Green | | Oct. |
| Bartlett | Yellow-red Blush | | Sept. |
| Clapp's Favorite | Yellow-red cheek | | Early Aug. |
| Keiffer | Golden Yellow | | Nov. |
| Seckel | Russet | | Oct. |
| Lawrence | Yellow | | Nov. |
| Flemish Beauty | Yellow and Red | | Sept. |
| Sheldon | Greenish Russet | | Oct. |

A home garden is never complete without Pears. Where space is limited, Dwarf Pears are proving satisfactory.

OUR STOCK IS EXHIBITED AT NINE FAIRS OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND AND AT BRATTLEBORO, VT.

Our customers and prospective customers will always find that our prices are as low if not lower than those of any other reliable and responsible nurserymen in the country.

DWARF PEAR TREES

| | | | |
|------------------|------------------|---------------|-------|
| 3 to 5 feet | \$.90 each | \$8.50 per 10 | |
| Anjou | Green | | Oct. |
| Bartlett | Yellow-red Blush | | Sept. |
| Clapp's Favorite | Yellow-red cheek | Early | Aug. |
| Seckel | Russet | | Oct. |

QUINCE TREES

| | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Largest size | 2 Year 4 to 5 ft. | \$1.35 each | \$13.00 per 10 |
| Medium size | 2 Year 3 to 4 ft. | 1.25 each | 12.00 per 10 |
| Champion | Yellow | | Late Oct. |
| Orange | Golden Yellow | | Early Oct. |

CHERRY TREES

| | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| 5 to 6 feet | \$1.35 each | \$13.00 per 10 | |
| 4 to 5 feet | 1.25 each | 12.00 per 10 | |
| Black Tartarian | Black | | Late June |
| Black Oxheart | Black | | Early June |
| Yellow Spanish | Yellow and Red | Middle | June |
| Napoleon | Yellow and Red | Middle | June |
| Windsor | Reddish Brown | | July |
| Governor Wood | Yellow and Red | Late | June |
| Early Richmond | Light Red | | May |
| Montmorency | Bright | | June |

GOOSEBERRIES

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| \$.45 cents each; \$4.00 per 10 | |
| Downing | Yellow |
| Josselyn | Red |
| Houghton's | Red |

GRAPES

| | | | |
|---|--------|----------|-------|
| 50c cents each \$4.50 perten; \$35.00 per hundred | | | |
| Concord | Purple | Delaware | Red |
| Worden | Purple | Brighton | Red |
| Moore's Early | Purple | Niagara | White |

STRAWBERRIES

The following list of strawberries have proven the best commercially out of several varieties which we have tested.

| | Hundred | Thousand |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|
| Pocomoke | \$1.25 | \$9.00 |
| Abington | 1.25 | 9.00 |
| Sample | 1.25 | 9.00 |
| Golden Gate | 1.25 | 9.00 |
| Brandywine | 1.25 | 9.00 |
| Howard No. 17 | 2.00 | 12.00 |
| Progressive (Everbearing) | 2.00 | 12.00 |
| Superb (Everbearing) | 2.00 | |

RASPBERRIES

| | Color | Dozen | Hundred | Thousand |
|-------------|--------|-------|---------|----------|
| Cuthbert | Red | \$.75 | \$4.00 | \$25.00 |
| Perfection | Red | .75 | 4.00 | 25.00 |
| St. Regis | Red | .75 | 4.00 | 30.00 |
| Plum Farmer | Black | .75 | 4.00 | 30.00 |
| Columbian | Purple | .75 | 4.00 | 30.00 |

Without a doubt, Raspberries are the best paying of all small fruits—the Cuthbert and Perfection leading; the St. Regis proving unequal to the others as a money-maker.

BLACKBERRIES

| | Color | Dozen | Hundred | Thousand |
|----------|-------|-------|---------|----------|
| Eldorado | Black | \$.75 | \$5.00 | \$40.00 |

CURRENTS

| | | | |
|---|-----|----------------|-------|
| \$.30 cents each \$2.50 per ten; \$20.00 per hundred | | | |
| Wilder | Red | Fay's Prolific | Red |
| \$.50 cents each; \$4.50 per 10 | | | |
| Perfection | Red | Black Champion | Black |

ORNAMENTAL TREES

| | | Each |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Carolina Poplars | 8-10 ft. | \$.75 |
| Carolina Poplars | 10-12 ft. | 1.00 |
| Lombardy Poplars | 8-10 ft. | .75 |
| Lombardy Poplars | 10-12 ft. | 1.00 |
| Norway Maple | 8-10 ft. | 1.25 |
| Norway Maple | 10-12 ft. | 1.50 |
| Wier's Cut-Leaf Maple | 8-10 ft. | 1.25 |
| Silver Leaf Maple | 8-10 ft. | 1.25 |
| Catalpa Speciosa | 6-8 ft. | .75 |
| Catalpa Speciosa | 8-10 ft. | 1.00 |
| Catalpa (Weeping) | 6-8 ft. | 2.00 |
| Cut-Leaf Weeping Birch | 8-10 ft. | 1.75 |
| Camperdown Elm (Weeping) | 5-6 ft. | 2.00 |
| Bechtel's Crab | 3-4 ft. | 1.50 |
| Prunus Pisardi, Purple Plum | 4-5 ft. | 1.25 |
| Mountain Ash | 8-10 ft. | 1.25 |
| Colorado Blue Spruce | 2½-3 ft. | 4.00 |
| Koster's Blue Spruce | 2½-3 ft. | 5.00 |
| Koster's Blue Spruce | 1½-2 ft. | 3.50 |
| Norway Spruce | 2-3 ft. | .75 |
| Norway Spruce | 3-4 ft. | 1.00 |
| Retinospora Filifera | 2-3 ft. | 2.00 |
| Retinospora Filifera | 1½-2 ft. | 1.50 |
| Retinospora Plumosa Aurea | 2-3 ft. | 2.00 |
| Retinospora Plumosa Aurea | 1½-2 ft. | 1.50 |
| American Arbor Vitæ | 2-3 ft. | .75 |
| Golden Arbor Vitæ | 1½-2 ft. | 1.25 |
| Juniper Irish | 1½-2½ ft. | 1.25 |

HEDGE PLANTS

| | | Hundred |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| California Privet | 12-18 in. | \$6.00 |
| California Privet | 18-24 in. | 7.00 |
| California Privet | 24-36 in. | 8.00 |
| Thunberg's Barberry | 10-12 in. | 15.00 |
| Thunberg's Barberry | 12-18 in. | 20.00 |
| Thunberg's Barberry | 18-24 in. extra heavy | 25.00 |

This is the spring for you to plant that hedge.

REMEMBER IT IS FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL INTEREST TO ORDER EARLY. MAIL YOUR LIST IMMEDIATELY--WE WILL TELL YOU JUST WHAT WE CAN DO.

HARDY FLOWERING SHRUBS

| | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----|
| Hydrangea Tree | 2-3 ft. | .50 |
| Hydrangea Tree | 3-4 ft. | .75 |
| Prices of Shrubs, unless otherwise stated, 2-3 ft. \$.50 each, 10 for \$4.50 | | |
| Hydrangea Paniculata Grandiflora | | |
| Hydrangea Hills of Snow | | |
| Butterfly Bush | Lilac | |
| Sweet Scented Shrub | | |
| Spiraea Anthony Waterer | Rose | |
| Spiraea Billardi | Rose | |
| Spiraea Van Houttei | White | |
| Spiraea Bridal Wreath | White | |
| Spiraea Aurea | Golden | |
| Spiraea Frobelli | Deep Red Foliage | |
| Spiraea Colossa | White | |
| Spiraea Thunbergii | | |
| Althea | Purple, Red and White | |
| Dogwood | Red | |
| Japan Quince | Scarlet | |
| Lilac | Purple, White and Red | |
| Golden Glow | | |
| Rose Almond | White Almond | |
| Common Snowball | | |
| Japan Snowball | | |
| Mock Orange | White | |
| Common Barberry | | |
| Purple Barberry | | |
| Tartarian Honeysuckle | White or Pink | |
| Deutzia, Pride of Rochester | White | |
| Deutzia Crenata | White | |
| Weigela Rosea | Rose | |
| Weigela Floribunda | Crimson | |
| Weigela Variegated Leaved | Pink | |
| Weigela Eva Rathka | Dark Red | |
| Forsythia Fortunei | Yellow | |
| Garland Syringa | White | |
| Golden Syringa | | |
| Smoke Tree | Purple Fringe | |
| Snowberry | Red and White | |

ASPARAGUS

| | | Hundred | Thousand |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|
| Strong 2 year crowns, \$.75 per 25 | | | |
| Conover's Colossal | \$2.00 | \$10.00 | |
| Palmetto | | | |

RHUBARB OR PIE PLANT

| | | |
|----------|---------------|---------------|
| Linnaeus | 20 cents each | \$1.50 per 10 |
|----------|---------------|---------------|

PHLOX

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Price 25c each | Strong, Field Grown |
| Pink, Lavender Red, Purple, White | |

RAMBLER ROSES

| | | \$.75 cents each; \$7.00 per 10 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Crimson Baby Rambler | Baltimore Belle, Pink | |
| White Baby Rambler | Hiawatha, Carmine | |
| Pink Baby Rambler | Seven Sisters, Pink | |
| Crimson Rambler | Tausendschon | |
| Yellow Rambler | Dr. Van Fleet, Red | |
| Dorothy Perkins, Pink | | |
| Dorothy Perkins, White | | |
| Dorothy Perkins (Excelsa) Red | | |
| Queen of the Prairie, Rosy Red | | |
| Climbing American Beauty | | |

All our Roses are 2 year, field grown, strong, healthy plants. We know you will be pleased with them. Send us your list now. To be certain of varieties, please name substitutes to avoid delay in shipment, for we will not substitute without your permission.

HYBRID PERPETUAL ROSES

\$.75 cents each; \$7.00 per 10

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| White Killarney | White | 2 yr. field grown |
| Magna Charta | Pink | " " " " |
| Ulrich Brunner | Crimson | " " " " |
| Anne de Diesbach | Carmine | " " " " |
| Paul Neyron | Pink | " " " " |
| Mrs. John Laing | Pink | " " " " |
| Madame Plantier | White | " " " " |
| Soleil de Orr | Yellow | " " " " |
| Gruss and Teplitz | Maroon | " " " " |
| Fisher Holmes | Crimson | " " " " |
| Margaret Dickson | White | " " " " |
| Pink Killarney | Pink | " " " " |
| Prince Camille de Rohan | Maroon | " " " " |
| Gloire Lyonnaise | White | " " " " |
| Frau Karl Druschki | White | " " " " |
| Gen. Jacqueminot | Scarlet | " " " " |
| Marshall P. Wilder | Red | " " " " |
| Kaiserin Augusta Victoria | White | " " " " |
| Harrison's Yellow | Golden | " " " " |

HARDY CLIMBING VINES

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Matrimony Vine | 2 yr. strong stock | \$.65 |
| Purple Wisteria | " " " " | .65 |
| White Wisteria | " " " " | .65 |
| Boston Ivy | " " " " | .65 |
| Trumpet Vine | " " " " | .65 |
| White Clematis | " " " " | .65 |
| Purple Clematis | " " " " | .65 |
| Dutchman's Pipe | " " " " | .75 |
| Japan Honeysuckle | " " " " | .65 |

PEONIES—The Plants for All Purposes

Prices same as Shrubs
Assorted, Red, Pink, White

Dear Sirs: It is indeed a pleasure to testify to the high quality of J. R. Houston and Sons' fruit trees and to their prompt and courteous treatment. The greater part of my orchard of one thousand trees at Lake's Pond, Connecticut, was from the Houston Nurseries. Cordially, STRONG G. GARDNER.

New Rochelle, N. Y., January 31, 1921.

Storrs, Conn., February 4, 1921.

Mr. Byron Houston,
Houston's Nurseries, Mansfield, Conn.

My dear Mr. Houston:

The guarantee printed in many nursery catalogues is not sufficient protection for the grower who plants trees, waits several years and then discovers that his varieties are not true to name. The replacement cost of the trees is not sufficient reimbursement for the time and labor expended upon such untrue stock. The nurseryman who stands back of his trees and is willing to reimburse the grower to the extent of his loss is to be commended.

Nursery stock which is guaranteed true to name, must, of necessity, cost the nurseryman more to grow, and the buyer must be willing to pay the increased cost of such trees. The smaller nurseryman has the advantage in the growing of "true to name" stock, over the larger grower, because he can give the work his personal attention.

With best regards for your success, I am,

Yours very truly,

S. P. HOLLISTER,
Professor of Pomology,
Connecticut Agricultural College,

Marlboro, N. Y., February 4, 1921.

Gentlemen:

I was exceedingly well pleased with the peach trees which I purchased from you. They were fine healthy trees and made a remarkable growth—much to my satisfaction.

Truly yours,

WM. FOWLER, JR.

Shoreham, Vt., January 31, 1921.

Dear Sirs: The McIntosh, N. Spy and Delicious trees I received from you came through in fine shape and were a very uniform lot with good roots and tops. We did not lose a single tree and all made good growth.

Very truly yours,

WM. J. ANDERSON,
DIAMOND ORCHARDS.

Danbury, Conn., January 30, 1921.

Gentlemen: The apple trees we purchased from you last year made an excellent growth, better in fact than trees purchased elsewhere. We are planning on setting 300 to 400 more this year, and if you can supply our wants, expect to purchase them all from you.

Yours truly, BENJ. BRUNDAGE & SONS.

Per H. A. Brundage,

and A. J. Brundage, Extension Dept. Conn. Agr. College.

Southington, Conn., February 7th, 1921.

Dear Sirs: We are pleased at the growth which has developed from the trees purchased from you last spring, and can truthfully recommend your stock to prospective purchasers as being strong and healthy and to our experience true to name.

Yours very truly,

LAKE VIEW FARM, ELIJAH ROGERS, Prop.
Ex-President of Conn. Pomological Society.

Washington, N. J., February 8, 1921.

Gentlemen: During the last few years I have purchased apple trees from three of the largest and best nurseries in the country, and have been pleased with them. Everything taken into account, I consider the ones I purchased from you the best I have ever secured. I am planning to send another order to you in a very few weeks.

Sincerely, S. M. TRESSLER,

Supervisor of Schools.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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